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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



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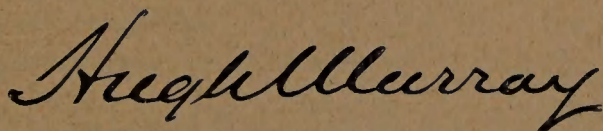
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Grand Lodge of Canada,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

The Grand Lodge having resolved:

That a new edition of the Book of Constitution, with all necessary corrections and alterations thereof made by the Grand Lodge, be forthwith printed; the Grand Secretary has, in accordance with that resolution, superintended the publication of this edition, including all corrections and alterations to the present time.

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Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
HAMILTON, ONT., July, 1906. }

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THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON

EXTRACTED FROM THE

ANCIENT RECORDS OF LODGES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD.

FOR THE USE OF LODGES

TO BE READ AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR
WHEN THE MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE
GRAND LODGE.

THE GENERAL HEADS OF THE CHARGES OF A FREEMASON.

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
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- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
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 1. In the Lodge while constituted.
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 3. When Brethren meet without strangers, but not in a Lodge formed.
 4. In the presence of strangers not Masons.
 5. At home and in your neighborhood.
 6. Towards a strange Brother.
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The Charges of a Freemason, Etc.

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order provided he believe in the architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus, Masonry is the center of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons, is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and general regulations of the Craft. A Lodge may be either general

or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From antient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsman, no woman, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord, and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has

served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs ; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

- No brother can be a Warden unless he has passed the part of a Fellowcraft, nor a Master until he has acted as Warden, nor a Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor a grand Master until he has been a Fellowcraft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the Lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N. B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the

time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him or put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the Fellow-craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry; nor shall Freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers or unaccepted Masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

VI.—BEHAVIOUR, Viz.:

1.—In the Lodge While Constituted.

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversation without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently, or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand

Lodge, and to whom they ought to be referred), unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2.—Behaviour After the Lodge is Over and the Brethren Not Gone.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

3.—Behaviour When the Brethren Meet Without Strangers, But Not in a Lodge Formed.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and with-

out encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before, nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill-manners.

4.—Behaviour in Presence of Strangers Not Masons.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—Behaviour at Home and in Your Neighborhood.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor and that of the antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after Lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—Behaviour Towards ■ Strange Brother.

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and

friendly advice of masters and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, *so mote it be.*

Summary of the ANTIEN'T CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Grand Secretary (or Acting Secretary) to the MASTER-ELECT, prior to his installation into the chair of the Lodge.

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceful subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the Constitution of the Order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your Lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master; and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of Masons clothed with the badge of the Order can take place without the special license of the Grand Master, except a Masonic funeral.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any Lodge, without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular Lodge.

At the conclusion the Grand Master or installing officer addresses the Master-elect as follows: "Do you submit to the promise to support these charges and regulations, as Masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative the ceremony of installation proceeds.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to insure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the Fraternity in the Province of Ontario all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

STYLE AND TITLE OF GRAND LODGE.

1. The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, now existing, hereinafter referred to as Grand Lodge, shall continue to exist under the same name, style and title.

COMPOSITION OF GRAND LODGE.

2. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters (duly returned) and the Masters and Wardens (duly returned) of all Lodges on the Grand Lodge register; provided, however, that no representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote

at any session thereof, until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made. (See Section 160.)

3. A Lodge may, by its vote properly certified by the Master and Secretary under seal, delegate any Past Master (duly returned) of the Lodge to represent it at any meeting of Grand Lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens. No proxy shall be valid unless it is passed in open Lodge, and the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge. The name of the delegate shall be sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

4. Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability who has rendered service to the Craft and who hails from a foreign jurisdiction an honorary member thereof, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Junior Warden. The procedure on such motion shall be similar to that provided in Section 28.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

5. The officers of Grand Lodge shall be the following:
The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters (one for each district).

The Right Worshipful the Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Registrar.

The members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Senior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Junior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Sword Bearer.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful the Assistant Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Pursuivant.

The Very Worshipful the Grand Stewards (12 in number).

The Very Worshipful the Grand Standard Bearers (2 in number).

The Grand Tyler.

HISTORIAN OF GRAND LODGE.

6. There shall be a Historian of Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

7. On the day preceding the annual meeting of Grand

Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint four or more Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a Committee on Credentials.

8. This Committee shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance at the annual meeting who are qualified to vote, and the number of votes they are entitled to cast at the election of officers and the selection of the place for the next annual meeting.

9. The Committee shall deliver to each of such brethren the ballot papers to which he is entitled. Each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes. If the Master and Wardens of a Lodge be present each shall be entitled to one vote. If any one of them be absent his vote shall be given to the senior officer present. Each Past Master shall be entitled to one vote.

10. The registration books shall be closed at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting, and the Committee shall immediately thereafter report to the Grand Master and shall furnish to the Chairman of the Scrutineers the names of the brethren who have registered and are qualified to vote.

MODE OF ELECTING AND APPOINTING THE OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

11. The officers of Grand Lodge, except the members of the Board of General Purposes, shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

12. No brother shall be eligible for office until he has been regularly installed as Master of a Lodge.

13. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot without nomination. The Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar, and the members of the Board of General Purposes elected as such by Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot after nomination. A Historian of Grand Lodge shall be elected by open vote, and shall hold office during the pleasure of Grand Lodge. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

14. The place at which the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge is to be held shall be determined by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected.

15. Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Lodge.

16. Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, for the Board of General Purposes, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be in writing, and shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before six o'clock in the evening of the first day of the meeting. The Grand Secretary shall cause a list of such nominations to be printed and distributed before the opening of Grand Lodge on the second day of the meeting.

17. No brother's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any brother nominated for more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any of such nominations at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

18. The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and shall contain:

i. A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

ii. A list of the elective offices.

iii. Properly defined spaces into which may be written: (a) The names of the brethren to be voted for. (b) The place of the next annual meeting.

iv. The number of votes cast with each ballot.

19. The Grand Master shall, before the calling off of Grand Lodge on the first day of the meeting, appoint and announce the names of a sufficient number of scrutineers, not being Grand Lodge officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the scrutineers to be chairman, whose duty it shall be to supervise the scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding officer of Grand Lodge. Before entering upon their duties the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

20. The scrutineers shall meet at nine o'clock on the morning of the second day of the meeting in a convenient room adjoining the place of meeting. They shall act in sections of three under the direction of the chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the name and number of the Lodge of each brother entitled to vote and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

21. Each brother voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the brother or brothers for whom he desires to vote and the name of the place at which he desires that the next annual meeting shall be held. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Board of General Purposes, otherwise his ballot for the Board shall be void. After exposing to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes, and furnishing such other information as they may require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

22. No brother shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right, nor more than one ballot paper for the Lodge legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Masonic offence for which the brother charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the Grand Master. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Grand Master to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time, or to be suspended indefinitely.

23. The Grand Master shall declare the first ballot closed at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the second day, and the vote shall be forthwith counted and announced.

24. The five brothers nominated for the Board of General Purposes obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

25. A candidate for office other than membership of the Board of General Purposes must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

26. If upon the first ballot some one of the brethren nominated for any office other than membership of the Board does not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained.

27. All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the chairman of the scrutineers with the Grand Secretary, who shall retain them for three months, and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master, destroy them by fire.

28. Grand Lodge may, on motion, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank as it may deem appropriate, but not above that of Past Grand Senior Warden. Notice of the motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the annual meeting, and the vote in favor of the motion must be unanimous. (See

Section 3 as to the conferring of rank on a brother from a foreign jurisdiction).

29. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Lodge.

30. Should any officer of Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master die or remove from the jurisdiction, or become incapable for any reason of performing the duties of his office, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next annual meeting, or during such incapacity.

MODE OF ELECTING THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

31. Subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall be elected by the majority of Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodges of such district present at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. Should he, at the time of his election, be Master of a Lodge, and should his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, such election shall, *ipso facto*, operate to vacate his office of Master, and a new election shall be held by the Lodge.

32. The election of District Deputy Grand Master shall be held at the hour of eight o'clock p. m. on the first day of the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and the result thereof shall be forthwith communicated to the Grand Secretary by the chairman of the district meeting.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

33. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master (who shall be *ex officio* President of the Board), the District Deputy Grand Masters, the two Grand Wardens and twenty other members, being Masters or Past Masters of Lodges, ten of whom shall be elected by Grand Lodge, five in each year, and the remaining ten appointed by the Grand Master, five in each year. The elected and appointed members shall hold office for two years, but shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

RANK OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE.

34. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

The Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.

The Deputy Grand Master,

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The District Deputy Grand Masters.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Senior Warden.

Past Grand Senior Wardens.

The Grand Junior Warden.

Past Grand Junior Wardens.

The Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Chaplains.
The Grand Treasurer.
Past Grand Treasurers.
The Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Secretaries.
The Grand Registrar.
Past Grand Registrars.
The Grand Senior Deacon.
Past Grand Senior Deacons.
The Grand Junior Deacon.
Past Grand Junior Deacon.
The Grand Superintendent of Works.
Past Grand Superintendents of Works.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Assistant Grand Secretary.
Past Assistant Grand Secretaries.
The Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
Past Grand Sword Bearers.
The Grand Organist.
Past Grand Organists.
The Assistant Grand Organist.
Past Assistant Grand Organists.
The Grand Pursuivant.
Past Grand Pursuivants.
The Grand Stewards.
Past Grand Stewards.

The Grand Standard Bearers.

Past Grand Standard Bearers.

The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge warrants.

The Grand Tyler.

35. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge or in any Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 144.)

36. A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge, and who affiliates with any other Lodge, is entitled to his rank according to seniority both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

37. The privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction.

38. A Past Master may require from the Grand Secretary, on payment of the fee of one dollar, a Past Master's Certificate, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to issue the same. (See Section 255.)

POWERS OF GRAND LODGE.

39. Grand Lodge alone can enact laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and alter or repeal them. Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, to Lodges or to individual brethren, which may be exercised directly or by delegated authority.

40. Any brother present in Grand Lodge shall have the right to appeal to Grand Lodge from any decision or ruling of the Grand Master given in Grand Lodge. (For procedure on such appeal see Section 131.)

41. Every Lodge or brother affected by any ruling, decision or action of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes or any subordinate authority, shall be duly served with notice of such ruling, decision or action, and shall have the right to appeal therefrom to Grand Lodge. Notice of appeal shall be given by the appellant in writing to the Grand Secretary within twenty-one days after the notice of such ruling, decision or action shall have been served upon him, and the appeal shall be presented to Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes. The provisions respecting service prescribed in Rule 5, Masonic Trials, shall apply to all services in connection with appeals provided for by this Constitution.

42. Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction to entertain an appeal from the verdict or decision of any Lodge or commission in connection with a trial for a Masonic offence, and to deal with the same as provided by the rules respecting Masonic trials. (See Rule 41 and following rules.)

43. Grand Lodge only can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion.

Grand Lodge only can withdraw the Warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

NOTE—*For the procedure relating to expulsion and restoration see post Rules 61, 62, 63, Masonic Trials.*

44. The Warrant of a Lodge shall not be withdrawn, nor shall the Lodge be erased until the Master or Officers thereof have been summoned to show cause in Grand Lodge why such action should not be taken. (See Section 229.)

45. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual meeting thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice in writing, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, shall have been given at the preceding annual meeting, or shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary before the first day of March preceding the meeting at which the motion is to be considered, and published in the notice paper. Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GRAND MASTER.

46. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting. He shall then, or as soon as possible thereafter, appoint the Grand Lodge officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by this Constitution.

47. He shall, during such meeting, install and invest, or cause to be installed and invested, the officers who re-

quire installation or investiture, and who are present, and shall give directions for the installation or investiture of those who are not present.

48. He may by warrant appoint any brother to represent Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge.

49. He is the presiding officer of Grand Lodge whenever it may meet.

50. He may preside over any Lodge and may direct the business thereof during his visit. The Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right, the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Wardens' chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his functions, shall sit on his left.

51. He may send any of the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge.

52. He may, either personally or by a committee of inquiry to be appointed by him, investigate any subject of Masonic complaint, which may be brought before him, and may give such orders and directions with respect to the attendance of brethren and the production of books and papers, including the warrant, books and accounts of any Lodge, as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such investigation. Should his orders or directions be disobeyed he may suspend any offending brother for such disobedience until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, or until his orders or directions be obeyed. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons there-

for, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

53. He may, when such action appears to him to be necessary or expedient, suspend any brother, or arrest the warrant or dispensation of any Lodge and suspend the operation thereof until the next meeting of Grand Lodge. He shall report in writing to Grand Lodge the action taken by him, his reasons therefor, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

54. He may direct that a charge be preferred, in a Lodge having jurisdiction to try the same, against any brother for any Masonic offence alleged to have been committed by him, and may, if he think it expedient to do so, commit the supervision of the trial to the District Deputy Grand Master or any other officer whom he may appoint.

55. He may decide questions of usage, order and Masonic law, which may be submitted to him, subject, however, to a right of appeal to Grand Lodge from his decision. (See Section 41.)

56. He may entertain an appeal from the decision or action of a District Deputy Grand Master, and change or modify the same. (See Section 71.)

57. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to perform the following ceremonies, viz.: Constituting and consecrating Lodges, dedicating Lodge rooms, laying foundation stones and installing and investing Grand Officers; and no brother can lawfully perform any of

these ceremonies unless authorized by the Grand Master to do so as his representative.

58. The Grand Master has authority to grant dispensations for the following purposes, viz.:

i. To authorize the requisite number of brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

ii. To authorize the Grand Secretary to issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to a brother who has been legally admitted to a higher degree at a shorter interval than prescribed by the Constitution. (See Section 245.)

iii. To relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge which has been suspended. (See Section 237.)

iv. To permit the healing of an irregularly made Mason.

59. He has also authority to grant dispensations to any Lodge for any of the following purposes, viz.:

i. To hold a public procession of members of the Lodge, or any other function in the name of the Lodge or of the fraternity.

ii. To elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws.

iii. To hold a Lodge of Instruction.

iv. To confer a higher degree on a brother at a shorter interval than that prescribed by the Constitution.

v. To receive and act upon a petition for initiation in a Lodge from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction.

vi. To receive and act upon a petition for a candidate for initiation who resides outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

vii. To initiate more than five candidates in one day.

60. The statement of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master contained in the foregoing sections shall not be construed as limiting or abridging the powers and prerogatives attached to the office of Grand Master by Masonic law or custom, except in so far as they directly limit or abridge the same.

61. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Masters, or the Board of General Purposes.

62. During the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, or during his temporary incapacity from any cause to discharge the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master. Should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or become permanently incapable of discharging the duties thereof, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith be entitled to exercise the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

63. The Deputy Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be installed at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

64. He shall be *ex officio* President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 92.)

65. He shall have authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside at any Lodge meeting and to direct the business thereof during his visit. The District Deputy Grand Master, if present, shall sit on his right; the Grand Wardens, if present, shall occupy the Warden's chairs, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, or the brother entitled to exercise his function, shall sit on his left.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

66. The District Deputy Grand Master may preside in every Lodge he visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

67. He shall visit all the Lodges in his district during his term of office, and shall see that they are working in the authorized manner, and that returns have been regularly forwarded to Grand Lodge, with all moneys that may have accrued due to it. Should any Lodge refuse or neglect to make such returns and payments he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

68. He shall satisfy himself that the brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge as the first Master thereof is duly qualified to perform the duties of that

office, and for that purpose he may summon that brother to attend for examination, and if he be found qualified he shall grant him a certificate of qualification.

69. He shall ascertain whether a Lodge working under a dispensation in his district is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See section 249.)

70. He may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

71. An appeal, in all cases, shall lie from the decision or action of the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. (See Sections 41 and 56.)

72. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to act or proceed within a reasonable time in any case or business in which it is his duty to act or proceed, complaint of his neglect may be sent to the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master to be dealt with by him.

73. He may summon the officers of any Lodge or any brother within his district to appear before him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge. If the summons be not complied with, and a sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance, he shall immediately report the fact in writing to the Grand Master.

74. He may grant dispensations for holding Lodges of Instruction, but for no other purpose, and shall report his dispensations to the Grand Master.

75. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary to act during his pleasure.

76. He may appoint a competent brother to instruct any Lodge or Lodges in his district which may desire instruction.

77. He shall send to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the annual meeting a brief account in writing of his proceedings and of the state of Masonry within his district, together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since the last return.

GRAND WARDENS.

78. The Grand Wardens shall be invested at the annual meeting.

79. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge no others can fill their places, but in the absence of either, the Grand Master may appoint any Past Grand Warden present to act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

80. The Grand Wardens, whenever directed, shall attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

81. The Grand Chaplain shall be invested at the annual meeting. He shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge and there offer prayer.

GRAND TREASURER.

82. The Grand Treasurer shall be invested at the annual meeting.

83. He shall keep such books and accounts and in such a manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 116.) His books shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Sections 117 and following sections. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Secretary. (See Section 84.)

GRAND SECRETARY.

84. The Grand Secretary shall be invested at the annual meeting.

He shall have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Lodge under seal or otherwise.

He shall issue summonses for all meetings of Grand Lodge, of the Board of General Purposes, and of any committee as he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and shall attend and take minutes of their proceedings.

He shall receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the books of Grand Lodge and duly report the same at each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

He shall send to all Lodges copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge and all such other papers as may be or-

dered, either by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes.

He shall, on or before the first day of April in each year, send to each Lodge and to every officer of Grand Lodge, copies of all notices of motion.

He shall notify all Lodges annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year.

He shall furnish the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes with all documents and information that they may require.

He shall receive all petitions, memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority.

He shall attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and take to him or the Board the books and papers he or they may direct.

He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge.

He shall receive and dispose of all moneys of Grand Lodge and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. (See Sections 115, 116.) His books and accounts shall always be open to inspection by the Grand Master, or the President of the Board of General Purposes, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by sections 117, etc.

He shall perform all other duties appertaining to his office.

He shall give a bond, to be approved by the Board of General Purposes, to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in some guarantee company, in the sum of five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. (See Section 120.) This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. (See Section 83.) The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

GRAND REGISTRAR.

85. The Grand Registrar shall be invested at the annual meeting.

APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

86. The Grand Deacons, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearers, Organist, Assistant Organist, Pursuivant, Stewards and Standard Bearers shall, when practicable, attend all meetings of Grand Lodge.

87. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, in addition to his other duties, have the care during the meeting of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, regalia and jewels belonging to it.

88. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for the purpose, shall see that none be admitted except those qualified, properly clothed and in all respects entitled to admission.

89. The Grand Stewards shall assist in the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Mas-

ter, and in conducting the arrangements made for the meeting of Grand Lodge.

GRAND TYLER.

90. The Grand Tyler shall, when practicable, attend at all meetings of Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

HISTORIAN OF GRAND LODGE.

91. The Historian of Grand Lodge shall from time to time compile and preserve a record of all matters connected with the history of Grand Lodge.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

92. The Deputy Grand Master shall be the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 64.)

93. The Board of General Purposes shall annually elect one of its members to be Vice-President, who, in the absence of the President, shall possess all his powers.

94. Should the President and the Vice-President be absent, the Board shall elect a chairman *pro tempore*.

95. The Board shall meet two days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand Master or the President of the Board.

96. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes; the presiding officer in case of a tie shall have a second vote.

97. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Masonic offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

98. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of any enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Board and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

99. A full report of the proceedings of the Board in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

100. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board, or the Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

101. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge, shall examine all claims upon it, and when found correct, shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them, and it shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

102. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may, by rules and regulations, prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept.

Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

103. The Board shall annually appoint an auditor, who shall be a chartered accountant. His duty shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary once a month and the books of the Grand Treasurer every three months and report to the Grand Master. He shall perform the duties prescribed by Sections 117 and 118. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board may determine.

104. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

105. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

106. The Board shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies and other meetings.

107. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

108. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

109. All communications from the Board to the Grand

Master, to Grand Lodge, or other boards or committees, or any Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

110. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

111. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes, who must report to the Board.

112. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

113. The actual expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes and of committees and commissions appointed by Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master in attending meetings thereof respectively, shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 122.)

114. At each annual meeting of Grand Lodge the Board shall report all its proceedings.

MONEYS AND ACCOUNTS OF GRAND LODGE.

115. All moneys payable to Grand Lodge shall be received by the Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith deposit them in the bank in which the Grand Lodge keeps its account to the credit of Grand Lodge, and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited.

116. The accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form, and subject to such rules and regulations, as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time prescribe.

117. The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of May in each year. They shall be audited continuously during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Board, and an abstract thereof certified by the auditor as correct shall be prepared and sent to each Lodge not later than the 15th day of June in each year. (See Section 103.)

118. A full statement of the accounts shall be prepared for the information of Grand Lodge, shall be certified as correct by the official auditor, and shall be submitted to the Board on the first day of its meeting prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge. This statement shall be referred for examination and audit to a committee of the Board, who shall forthwith report to the Board thereon.

119. The Board shall prescribe the mode in which payments shall be made out of the funds of Grand Lodge, and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

120. The Grand Secretary shall give a bond in a guarantee company to be approved by the Board to the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, in the sum of \$5,000, for the faithful performance of his duties. The premium on the bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge. (See Section 84.)

121. The books of account of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and the securities of Grand Lodge shall always be open to inspection by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes or its nominee. (See Sections 83, 84.)

122. All committees or commissions appointed by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall be paid their actual expenses, the amount thereof to be approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes. (See Section 113.)

MEETINGS OF GRAND LODGE.

123. The Grand Master, or in the event of his absence from the province or inability to act, the Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his absence or inability to act the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold especial meetings of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Craft shall, in their opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such meetings shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at any such meeting.

124. The annual meeting of Grand Lodge shall be held at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the third Wednesday in July, at the place decided upon at the previous annual meeting.

125. No member of Grand Lodge shall attend at any meeting thereof without his proper Masonic clothing, nor wear any jewel not recognized by Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present without permission of the Grand Master.

126. The Grand Master, if present, shall preside in Grand Lodge. If, at any meeting thereof, annual or especial, except a meeting called to assist in the performance of a ceremony, the Grand Master be absent, Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the elective grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no elective grand officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge present.

127. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule Grand Lodge.

128. Grand Lodge is declared open in ample form when the Grand Master presides; in due form when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master presides; at all other times, in form, yet with the same authority.

129. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business:

On the first day of the annual meeting,

- i. Confirming the minutes of previous meetings.
- ii. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.
- iii. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.
- iv. Receiving the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and referring them to the Board of General Purposes for consideration and report.

v. Receiving the Reports of the Board of General Purposes, and, if expedient, considering the same in the following order, viz.:

- (a) The report on warrants.
- (b) The report on printing and supplies.
- (c) The report on audit and finance.
- (d) The report on benevolence.
- (e) The report on grievances and appeals.
- (f) The report on the condition of Masonry.
- (g) The report on Constitution and laws
and jurisprudence.
- (h) The report on fraternal dead.
- (i) The report on foreign correspondence.

vi. Receiving and, if expedient, considering the reports of special committees.

vii. Considering notices of motion.

viii. Nominating officers.

On the second day the first business shall be the reception of the report of the Committee on Credentials and next the election of the officers of Grand Lodge. Thereafter, and on each succeeding day, the order shall be as follows:

- i. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.
- ii. Considering reports in the order in which they are presented.
- iii. Receiving and, if expedient, considering further reports of the Board of General Purposes.

iv. Receiving and, if expedient, considering reports of special committees.

v. Considering motions, general business, etc.

The installation and investiture of officers shall take place immediately before the close of the meeting.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each meeting and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote of Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

130. Grand Lodge may leave any particular matter to the determination of the Grand Master. Subject to this provision, all matters brought up for discussion in Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of votes, each brother present having one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of a tie. Each brother when voting shall hold up one of his hands. The Grand Deacons shall count the votes unless the numbers, in the opinion of the Grand Master, be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

131. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master given while Grand Lodge is in session (see Section 39) he shall state shortly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master may then state the reasons for his decision, and, without further debate, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced.

Appeals from the ruling, decision or action of the

Grand Master or any subordinate authority shall be brought before Grand Lodge in the manner provided by Section 41.

132. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

133. No brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover of a motion in reply.

134. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; and no brother shall presume to interrupt him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order. The Grand Master may call him to order.

135. If any brother shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same session, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that session.

136. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

137. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the meeting, unless notice of an intended application therefor shall have been given on the preceding day.

LODGES.

138. A "Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant of this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge under dispensation" shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by its dispensation.

139. An "affiliated Mason" shall mean a brother who is a member of a Lodge. A brother who has attained the rank of Past Master under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge shall, upon affiliation with any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to retain such rank.

140. A "joining brother" shall mean a brother who has been initiated in a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation, or who hails from a foreign jurisdiction acknowledged by Grand Lodge, or who has been healed and, in either case, who is admitted a member of a Lodge or a Lodge under dispensation by affiliation according to this Constitution.

141. A resident in the Province of Ontario, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by any body beyond this jurisdiction, without the permission of the Grand Master, shall not be entitled to Masonic privileges except upon such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

142. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or who has assisted in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, or even a visitor, into any

Lodge, or partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, until he makes due submission and obtains grace.

OFFICERS OF LODGES.

143. The officers of a Lodge are: The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, two Stewards, and the Tyler, to which number may be added an Assistant Secretary, a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies and an Organist; and they shall severally hold office until their successors, respectively, have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested, and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy. The investiture of an officer elected at the annual election, but not invested at the date of annual installation, shall redate back to the latter date.

144. No brother is eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in the Lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months. (See Section 35.)

145. No brother other than a charter member can be an officer of a Lodge until he has been admitted a member thereof by ballot, in accordance with the Constitution.

146. A Lodge may by by-law invest its Master with the privilege of appointing the Wardens and Secretary, or

provide that all or some of the officers of the Lodge shall be elected.

147. Subject to the foregoing provision, every Lodge shall annually elect by the vote of a majority of all the members present, its Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, by written ballots, and by an open vote its Tyler, two Auditors and an Examining Board composed of three Installed Masters, of whom the Worshipful Master may be one. At the next regular meeting of the Lodge following the election of the Master, and after the minutes have been read and approved, the question shall be put whether the election of the Master-elect shall be confirmed. If the election be confirmed he shall be duly installed in the chair according to ancient usage. No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. If the election be not confirmed a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master, and on confirmation of that election at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

148. Two or more Lodges may by a resolution hold the installation and investiture of officers in the same Lodge room, and for such purpose shall bring the minute books, by-laws and warrants to the place of installation.

149. No brother shall be installed Master of a Lodge unless the Examining Board reports that he is familiar with the duties of Master.

150. The Installation ceremony shall not be performed in public.

151. Every Master before being placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the Order, and strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

152. The Master upon his installation shall appoint all the officers who are not elective, and all standing committees for conducting the business of the Lodge, and he shall invest or cause to be invested the elected and appointed officers.

153. An officer of a Lodge may resign his office. Should any officer die, resign his office or become permanently incapable, by removal or otherwise, of performing the duties thereof, a successor shall forthwith be elected or appointed. The Master of a Lodge, or, if the Master-ship be vacant, the Senior Warden, or if he cannot act, the Junior Warden, shall see that, in the case of a vacancy in an elective office, the necessary steps be taken for a new election, which shall be held at a regular meeting of the Lodge or a meeting duly called for the purpose.

TYLERS.

154. The Tyler shall be elected by the members of the Lodge and may at any time be removed for cause by a majority of the brethren present at any regular meeting.

155. The Tyler shall see that every member or visitor signs his name in the attendance book, and is properly clothed before entering the Lodge.

POWERS AND DUTY OF THE MASTER.

156. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by lawful authority.

157. The Master has not the power to suspend the declaration of the ballot. (See Sections 195, 196.)

158. The officers of a Lodge shall, when summoned so to do for the purpose of an enquiry, appear before the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, or any board or committee lawfully constituted.

LODGE MONEYS AND ACCOUNTS.

159. All moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge shall be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The accounts of the Lodge shall be duly audited at least once a year by the Auditors, who shall report such audit to the Lodge on the day appointed for the installation of officers and prior to such installation.

160. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, and in cases of failure for more than one year to make such returns and payments after the same are due, or to hold a meeting, it may be summoned to show cause why it should not be suspended, or why its warrant should not be withdrawn or declared forfeited. No representative of any Lodge which has neglected to make its returns and payments to

Grand Lodge for more than one year shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such returns and payments respectively shall have been completed and made.

LODGE MEETINGS.

161. A Lodge of Emergency for the transaction of any particular business may, by direction of the Master, or, in his absence, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, be called at any time on seven clear days' notice. The reason for calling such meeting shall be stated in the summons, and no business except that so stated shall be transacted at the meeting. A Lodge of Emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother may be called by the like direction on reasonable notice.

162. The day and hour of the regular meetings of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

163. A summons for a regular meeting must be served seven clear days before the meeting. The posting of delivery of a summons shall be regarded as good service thereof.

164. The Master of every Lodge shall cause the Secretary to send a copy of every summons issued to the members of his Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated. He shall also cause to be sent to him, immediately after the installation of officers, on a form to be supplied by the Grand Secretary, a certified list of the officers of his Lodge, elected and appointed. He shall also cause to be

sent to the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, the name of the proxy for Grand Lodge, if any has been appointed.

165. No jewels shall be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except the jewel of a Past Master, a Grand Representative, and those of a Royal Arch Mason.

166. At all meetings of the Lodge, the Master, if present, shall preside. If he be not present, the immediate Past Master, or, if he be not present, a Past Master of the Lodge shall take the chair. If no Past Master be present, the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but shall not confer degrees.

167. No brother below the rank of a Past Master shall assume the Master's chair.

168. None other than the authorized work is allowed to be practiced or administered in any Lodge, unless such Lodge is entitled to continue the work in any other form as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

169. All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases where the Constitution requires a ballot; or where the Lodge shall, by show of hands taken without debate, decide that a ballot be taken.

170. No motion to rescind or reconsider a resolution adopted by a Lodge shall be allowed unless notice thereof be given at the preceding regular meeting.

171. No Lodge has the power to adjourn from day to day.

172. At all meetings of a Lodge, whether regular or emergent, seven members shall be a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least seven members of the Lodge are present.

173. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, the Master may order him to leave the Lodge and may suspend him if he disobey such order, or if his offence, in the opinion of the Master, justifies suspension. Such suspension with the reason therefor shall be forthwith reported by the Master to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and shall last only until action is taken by him.

174. No brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote (except as provided in Section 175), or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted or by revealing a brother's vote.

175. In the case of a Masonic trial where the charge laid relates to a ballot for initiation or membership any brother shall be at liberty to disclose how he voted in that particular case.

LODGE BOOKS AND RECORDS.

176. Every Lodge shall, besides the necessary account books, keep a minute book and a book in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the Lodge, the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, their ages as nearly as the same can be

ascertained, titles, professions or trades, and the dates of their deaths, resignations, suspensions, expulsions and restorations.

177. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or portion of the same book, for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

LODGE SEAL.

178. Every Lodge shall have a seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued which require to be sealed. The seal shall not be affixed to any documents other than such as are issued by resolution of the Lodge, or required by the Constitution, which latter are as follows:

- i. Semi-annual returns of work.
- ii. Annual returns of officers installed.
- iii. By-laws.
- iv. Amendments to by-laws.
- v. Certificate of adoption of by-laws.
- vi. Copy of the summons giving notice of motion to consider by-laws or amendments which must accompany same when forwarded for confirmation by the Grand Master.
- vii. Applications for benevolence.
- viii. Annual return of moneys expended for benevolence.
- ix. Recommendation for a new Lodge.

An impression of the seal or of any amendment thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

LODGE BY-LAWS.

179. Every Lodge may frame By-laws for its own government, which must be in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The by-laws and any amendments made thereto must be sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Lodge for the approval of the Grand Master, and no by-laws or amendments shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

180. The by-laws of a Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation. Every brother shall subscribe to them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, and shall at all reasonable times have access thereto and he shall be furnished by the Lodge with a printed copy on his initiation or affiliation. A copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

INITIATION.

181. A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason.

182. A candidate must at the time of his application be of the full age of 21 years, free born, his own master, and known to be in reputable circumstances.

183. No Lodge shall initiate more than five candidates in one day, except by dispensation of the Grand Master.

No Lodge shall initiate a candidate until he has been balloted for and approved, and no rejected candidate for initiation shall be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of such rejection.

184. No Lodge shall make a Mason for a smaller fee than twenty dollars, or remit or postpone the payment of any part of this sum.

185. No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided for one year immediately previous to the date of his petition in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the Lodge nearest to the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

186. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless in a town or city where there are more Lodges than one, in which case the Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge. For all purposes under this Constitution and the rules respecting Masonic trials, the residence of a married man shall be where his family resides; of an unmarried man where he is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary. Provided, however, that if an unmarried man is residing with his parents, or, his parents being dead, is residing with his brothers or sisters within the jurisdiction of one Lodge, and is constantly employed and is in receipt of his income, wages or salary within the jurisdiction of another Lodge.

either place may be treated by him as his residence for the purpose of this and the next preceding clause.

187. When the place of residence of an applicant for initiation residing within this jurisdiction is nearer to a Lodge in another jurisdiction than to a Lodge within this jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the petition of the applicant; provided the Grand Lodge in such other jurisdiction permit the like privilege to Lodges in this jurisdiction.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIATION.

188. An application for initiation shall be by petition in the form following. This petition shall be signed by the applicant with his full name, and shall be recommended by two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing. It shall be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge and shall be read by him at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

Form of Petition.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of———
Lodge No.———on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,*

I —— of the —— of ——, in the County of —— and Province of Ontario, aged —— years, occupation ——, being free by birth and of mature age, do declare that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire for knowledge; that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which this petition is to be pre-

sented for one year immediately prior to the date hereof, and that I have not been rejected by this or any other Lodge within twelve months prior to the date hereof.

Witness my hand this — day of — A. L. 59—.

(Signature in full.)

Recommended by —

189. No application for initiation shall be passed upon by the Lodge unless notice thereof, stating particularly the name, age, occupation and residence of the candidate, shall have been given in the summons for the meeting at which the application is to be considered.

190. The petition on being presented shall be referred to a committee of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character of the applicant and any other matters relevant to the petition and to report thereon to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

191. If the report of the committee is favorable to the candidate, and if proper notice has been given, the ballot must be proceeded with at once. If proper notice has not been given the ballot shall stand over until the next regular meeting, of which proper notice shall be given.

192. It shall be the duty of the Master before the ballot is taken to satisfy himself that he has jurisdiction to initiate the petitioner, having regard to the provisions of Section 185.

193. By unanimous consent the ballot may be passed for two or more candidates at the same time, but if adverse it must be taken for each separately.

194. No person shall be initiated in a Lodge if on the ballot more than one black ball appears against him. A Lodge may, however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present.

195. In the event of an adverse ballot on any application for initiation or affiliation the Master may order a second ballot if he has not already declared the candidate rejected.

196. Before declaring the result of the ballot, the ballot box shall be placed on the altar for examination by any member of the Lodge. The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible.

197. In case objection be made to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for and accepted, it shall be the duty of the Master to investigate the cause of such objection, and if he find the same well founded he shall not initiate such candidate until such objection is removed. If objection be made to the advancement of a brother, any member of the Lodge may require that such objection be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, the objection shall be of no effect.

198. Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft; he must on his initiation sign the by-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

199. A candidate for initiation upon whom the committee has reported unfavorably, or against whom the ballot has been declared unfavorable by the Master, shall be considered a rejected candidate. No petition shall be received from any such rejected candidate dated within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavorable report or by adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Masters of Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

200. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation, and is liable for the regular Lodge dues.

201. Every Lodge shall register with the Grand Secretary the names of the brethren initiated or affiliated therein.

202. Should the Lodge neglect so to do any brother who has not been registered may apply to the Grand Secretary who, on proof being produced that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall give him a certificate which shall entitle him to enjoy the full privileges of the Craft, and the offending Lodge shall be reported to Grand Lodge and shall be proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return, and for detaining moneys which are the property of Grand Lodge.

203. The Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate which shall be paid for by the Lodge,

204. No higher degree in Masonry shall be conferred on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except under dispensation from the Grand Master, nor, in any case, until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in such previous degree.

AFFILIATION.

205. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge except upon petition signed by the applicant with his full name and presented in open Lodge at a regular meeting, nor unless notice of his name, occupation and place of abode, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, shall have been embodied in the summons for the next regular meeting at which the application shall be considered, nor until he has been balloted for as hereinafter provided.

The form of petition shall be as follows:

Form of Petition.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of———
Lodge No.—— on the register of the Grand Lodge of A. F.
& A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

I —— of the —— of ——, in the County of —— and Province of Ontario, occupation ——, aged —— years, being a —— Mason, and desirous of becoming a member of —— Lodge, No. —— do declare as follows:

I was initiated, passed and raised in —— Lodge, No. —— at ——, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ——, and am in good Masonic standing. I was last a member of —— Lodge, No. ——.

Dated at —— this —— day of ——, 190

Signature in full _____

Recommended by _____

When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying that the brother has been registered and that his dues are paid.

206. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw from it without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

207. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the regulations for the government of Masonic trials.

208. Every petition for affiliation shall be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge, Master Masons in good standing, and shall be referred to a committee of three or more appointed by the Master, which committee shall report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable the applicant shall be considered rejected without a ballot.

209. The proceedings in connection with the balloting for joining members shall so far as applicable be the same as those in connection with the initiation of candidates.

210. An applicant for affiliation who has been rejected may apply again to the same or any other Lodge without waiting for any specified time.

DIMIT.

211. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing, and should he be indebted to the Lodge the certificate must state the fact. In case of loss of a certificate of standing a certificate signed by the present Master and Secretary may be issued setting forth the facts contained in the original certificate.

212. The certificate of standing must be produced, together with the application for membership, to the Lodge of which the brother in whose favor the certificate is issued desires to become a joining member. Such certificate shall be filed in the archives of the Lodge which admits the brother as such joining member.

VISITORS.

213. A brother in good standing, properly vouched for, may visit a Lodge in the discretion of the Master.

214. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally vouched for, or after due examination by one or more of the members present, nor unless he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge from which he hails, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge he is subject to its by-laws.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

215. Lodges may by by-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine.

For each life member the Lodge may pay into Grand Lodge the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the Lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

216. Upon a life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account; nor, in case he become a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge, but if such life member does not withdraw, and joins another Lodge, the latter Lodge shall be liable to Grand Lodge for his dues.

217. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

218. Any brother who may have rendered service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, by a three-fourths ballot vote of the members present, be elected an honorary member. Notice of motion for conferring such membership shall be given at a previous meeting and entered on the summons for the meeting at which the vote is to take place. The Lodge must include honorary members in its return to Grand Lodge and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

219. Any brother who neglects to pay his dues may be suspended for such neglect by his Lodge, but shall be immediately restored without a ballot on payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and such further sum, if any, as the Lodge may require, not exceeding the amount of regular Lodge dues for the period he was suspended. Notice of such suspension and restoration respectively shall be given to the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated.

220. A Lodge may remit the dues of any member provided a notice of motion for remission has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

MISCELLANEOUS.

221. The priority of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant as recorded in the books of Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

222. Every Lodge shall annually send a list to the Grand Secretary of the names of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge who are entitled to attend Grand Lodge. No brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name appears in such list.

223. A Lodge may require from its Treasurer or Secretary, or both, security for the funds committed to their care.

224. No member of a Lodge shall under any circumstances give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in any itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

225. The clothing, regalia and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of such Lodge.

226. If a Lodge be dissolved, its warrant and records shall be delivered up to the Grand Secretary.

227. If the warrant of a Lodge be sold, or procured by improper means, it shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

228. If the membership of a Lodge be reduced below seven its warrant ceases and the Lodge becomes extinct.

229. No Lodge shall be erased or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the cause of complaint made against the Lodge and shall have been summoned to answer the same. (See Section 44.)

230. It is improper to hold a Lodge in any but a regular Lodge room, duly set apart and having the necessary ante-rooms for all requirements of Masonry. Such regular Lodge room may be in a private house, and should as soon as possible be formally dedicated.

231. It is improper to allow a Lodge room to be used jointly with other societies or for other than Masonic

purposes ; this, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be Masonic and are founded on Craft Masonry.

232. It is improper to allow other societies to take part in the conduct of a Masonic funeral.

233. The expense of procuring the clothing and jewel for the District Deputy Grand Master shall be paid by the Lodges in each district, and each Lodge shall pay the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master to the extent of at least one visit in each year ; also the travelling expenses of any brother who, at the request of the Lodge and by authority of the District Deputy Grand Master, attends such Lodge for giving instruction.

SUSPENSION.

234. A Lodge has jurisdiction over its own members wherever they may reside, and also over all Masons, whether affiliated or not, who reside within its territorial jurisdiction ; and non-affiliation of a brother is no bar to his suspension.

235. A Lodge cannot deprive a member of his privileges until after due trial and conviction.

236. Suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

237. The suspension of a Lodge places all its members under Masonic disability, except by dispensation to be granted by the Grand Master.

238. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge, or shall withdraw from it without having com-

plied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

239. A brother suspended by a Lodge must, in order to obtain his certificate of standing, apply to that Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the rules for the government of Masonic trials.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

240. No District Lodge of Instruction shall be held unless by the sanction of a Lodge in the district and under a dispensation from the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge giving this sanction, and the brethren to whom such dispensation is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

241. Notice of the time and place of meeting of a Lodge of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

242. A minute shall be kept of all the proceedings and of the names of all brethren present at a Lodge of Instruction, and of brethren appointed to hold office therein, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master or Lodge granting the sanction.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND FUNCTIONS.

243. Except at Masonic funerals no public procession or function of the brethren as Masons, with or with-

out regalia, shall be allowed, or take place, without a dispensation from the Grand Master. The proceedings at any such procession or function (including a funeral), which may be attended by the brethren, shall be immediately reported by the Master or Masters of the Lodges taking part therein to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, and to the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Districts in which the Lodges are respectively situated.

244. If any brother shall appear in public clothed in the regalia of the Craft, except at a Masonic funeral, or an authorized public procession or function, he shall be subject to such penalty as the Grand Master shall impose. And if any Lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until Grand Lodge shall determine thereupon.

FEES.

245. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a dispensation for a Lodge, twenty dollars.

For a warrant, ten dollars.

For a new warrant, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than four weeks, twenty dollars.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition from a candidate for initiation, who resides outside the jurisdiction of that Lodge, ten dollars, payable by the candidate.

For a dispensation authorizing a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition for initiation from a person who has not resided for one year within its jurisdiction, one dollar.

For a dispensation for any public procession or function, one dollar.

For a dispensation to elect and install (or either) at a time other than that fixed by the by-laws, one dollar.

For a Past Master's certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, three dollars, which shall entitle him to registration and a Grand Lodge certificate. This must be paid on the registration of every initiate.

For every Mason joining from another Lodge, fifty cents.

For every member of each Lodge, fifty cents per annum.

For a new certificate in case of loss, etc., one dollar.

CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

246. Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered Master Masons, and the Lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the nearest Lodge, and in case of there being more than two Lodges in the jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said Lodges, and be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion

thereon, to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest Lodge or Lodges be unreasonably withheld, he shall have the power to waive such recommendation.

247. A motion recommending a new Lodge is in order at a regular meeting of the nearest Lodge without previous notice.

248. The recommendation from the nearest Lodge or Lodges required for a petition must be passed in open Lodge upon a regular resolution, and signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, with the seal of the Lodge attached, and in no case shall be given without such resolution and signatures. The following is the form of petition:

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, are anxious to extend our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named——; in consequence of this desire, we pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at ——, in the county of —— on the —— of every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order and the laws of Grand Lodge; and we have nomi-

nated and do recommend brother (A. B.) to be the first Master, brother (C. D.) to be the first Senior Warden, and brother (E. F.) to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

249. No warrant for a new Lodge shall be granted until there is furnished by the District Deputy Grand Master a certificate to the effect that the Lodge which is working under dispensation is provided with suitable furniture and regalia. (See Section 69.)

250. Every new Lodge shall be constituted by the Grand Master; or, in his absence, by his deputy.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

251. It is not legal to install the Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

252. A Lodge under dispensation may be represented in Grand Lodge at the annual meeting at which a warrant is obtained, but not by a proxy.

253. A Lodge under dispensation shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, two weeks before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, its minute book and register. After receiving its warrant the dispensation shall immediately be returned to the Grand Secretary.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES.

254. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect, and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge.

The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of one of the Lodges and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges about to be amalgamated, and unless seven or more members of either of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge, in writing, of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing such notices, it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named, when the members of the Lodge present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested, if present.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would

have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

CERTIFICATES.

255. The following Grand Lodge certificates may be issued:

To a brother upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge as having been initiated, passed and raised in a Lodge.

To a brother who, either as an Entered Apprentice or as a Fellow Craft hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, has become a joining member of a Lodge, and who therein has received the remaining degree or degrees.

To a member of a Lodge which has ceased to meet, to enable him to affiliate with another Lodge; such certificate to state the fact that he was a member, that he had been registered, and that his Grand Lodge dues are paid.

To any Past Master under this Grand Lodge who desires the same and pays therefor one dollar into the funds of Grand Lodge.

To a brother who has lost a certificate issued to him by Grand Lodge, a new certificate setting forth the essential facts contained in the original certificate.

256. All Grand Lodge certificates shall be issued by the Grand Secretary, with the seal of Grand Lodge attached, and shall be in such form as the Board of General Purposes may from time to time direct.

257. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

258. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid.

259. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

260. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

261. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of a brother wishing for a certificate has not been previously registered the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

MASONIC CLOTHING.

262. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft:

Aprons.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and Past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in sky-blue in the centre of the apron.

The Master and Past Masters of Lodges.—To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver. If grand or past grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue and gold.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the center. The fringe of silver.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of the same dimensions, lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a

half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre. The fringe of gold bullion.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered on the edging, one on each side. The fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging. The fringe of gold bullion.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, and to be ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery. The fringe of gold bullion.

Collars.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one on each side.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

Other appointed Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

Lodge Officers.—Collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad. If silver chain be used for W. M., it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

Gauntlets.

All Elected Grand Officers, Present and Past.—Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold, and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

Jewels.

Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle, also irradiated.

Past Grand Master.—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.

District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which is the name and number of the district.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.

Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.

Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on the triangle.

Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.

Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Crossed pens with a tie.

Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.

Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and olive branch.

Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Crossed rods.

Grand Sword Bearer, Present and Past.—Crossed swords.

Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of Grand Lodge, with rod and sword crossed.

Grand Standard Bearers, Present and Past.—Two staves crossed, tied by a ribbon, flowing from them two standards of the arms of Grand Lodge.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Senior Deacon, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Pursuivant and Standard Bearer, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn; and of the Grand Junior Deacon, Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Organist, to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the circle being omitted.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of Grand Lodge is a cornucopia, between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the province of Ontario."

Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be gold or gilt.

Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters are entitled to wear pendent to their collars the jewel designating their past rank; all other Past Grand Officers to wear the collar without a pendent jewel, a similar but smaller jewel in enamel to be worn on the breast.

Masters of Lodges.—The square.

Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47th Prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendent within.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.

Treasurer.—The key.

Secretary.—The crossed pens.

Deacons.—The dove.

Director of Ceremonies.—The crossed rods.

Organist.—The lyre.

Inner Guard.—The crossed swords.

Stewards.—The cornucopia.

Tyler.—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

In Grand Lodge and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following Masonic clothing and insignia:

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with nine stars, over blue collar, gauntlets

and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with seven stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

District Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past, Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar, Present and Past.—Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

Grand Stewards of the year.—Crimson collar and apron, all bound in silver, and jewel.

All other Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Blue collar and apron, all bound in gold, and jewel.

All collars, chains and jewels described in this section must be made strictly according to the respective designs given in the plates appended hereto.

RULES OF GRAND LODGE

1.—RULES RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES AND PROCEEDINGS THEREON.

Offences.

I. The following are Masonic offences:

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the By-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of impostors.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious association whether with the relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

Jurisdiction.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

Service of Papers.

5. Service on any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner:

If the residence of the brother is known and he resides within the jurisdiction he shall be served personally.

If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction, he shall either be served personally or a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and

registered, addressed to him at his proper postoffice address.

If his residence is unknown a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at such known place of residence with a grown-up member of his family.

When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of the following rules, the day of posting the paper to be served shall count as one day.

The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge, but shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by a commission.

Procedure.

6. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

7. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge which shall occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

8. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting, send notice to all the members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

9. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

10. When the charge shall be presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or shall be dismissed. If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

11. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

12. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice, and any action

by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative.

13. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instanter why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the Lodge to proceed to trial and suspension.

14. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

15. Every trial shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accuser and the accused will permit.

16. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons must be in good standing. They shall give their testimony on their honor as Masons.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons must be of such religious belief as would justify their evidence being received in a Court of Justice. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

18. The rules respecting evidence in Courts of Justice

shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

19. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

20. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accuser and the accused in person, or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

21. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or committee may be taken by deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

22. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

23. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

24. The Master shall decide all questions as to the

relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

25. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their counsel or representative may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser and the accused shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause to be fully explained by the objecting party be removed by the Master, who shall appoint another in his place.

27. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

28. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

29. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before them.

30. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon the accuser and the accused retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

31. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

32. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge, or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

Judgment.

33. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order,

which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a vote of a majority to sustain the charge.

34. If any charge shall be sustained the accused shall then and there be declared "guilty" and the Master shall put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present, all of whom must vote by ballot. The Lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

35. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted he shall be notified of his acquittal by the Master in open Lodge, if present, and by the Secretary in writing.

Punishment.

36. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a "Masonic offence" shall be in the discretion of the Lodge either "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," or "reprimand," and must be inflicted by the vote of a majority of the members present.

37. The penalty of suspension and the duration thereof may be voted upon together or separately.

38. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

39. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment, and when voted by a majority of the members present shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

40. Suspension for any offence subjects the offender and his family during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Appeals.

41. The accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge. If the appeal is to Grand Lodge it shall be heard at the first annual meeting thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

42. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

43. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or the chairman of the commission notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, or the chairman of the commission, shall, at least ten days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand

Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

44. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next meeting of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent annual meeting of Grand Lodge, or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess.

45. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss the appeal or affirm the decision appealed from, or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings; or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

46. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

47. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings, or shall order a new trial the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges

and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

Trial by Commission.

48. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

49. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

50. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in the same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide, and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Master.

51. The accuser and accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

Suspension, Expulsion, Restoration.

52. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

53. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge in appeal which suspended him.

54. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

55. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

56. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for its adoption. Such vote shall be taken in a Lodge of Master Masons.

57. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

58. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

59. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the

restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

60. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

61. When a Lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten days' notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to see that the summons required by the preceding section is duly served.

63. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an annual session of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favorable recommendation of the Lodge from which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote in and by a Lodge of Master Masons at a regular communication.

Masters and Lodges.

64. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

65. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be

deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, unless there is good reason why he should not act, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

66. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

Non-Payment of Dues.

67. Any member of a Lodge who is in arrears for dues to such Lodge shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of such Lodge in respect to the same, and the Book of Constitution.

68. In case no provision has been made in the by-laws of a Lodge for notice to and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted:

69. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default at a regular meeting thereof, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to

show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to the last known address of such member at least seven clear days before the next meeting.

70. In case such member shall not, before such next regular meeting of the Lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the Master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Secretary shall notify the brother and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district of such suspension.

71. If any excuse be offered, the Lodge shall decide by a majority whether the same is sufficient or not.

72. Any Mason suspended for non-payment of dues seeking reinstatement shall, on payment of dues, be restored to membership in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge without presenting a petition; provided, that if a Lodge from which a Mason shall have been suspended for non-payment of dues has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made to Grand Lodge.

II.—RULES RESPECTING GRANTS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

I. Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the Lodge or local board of relief recommending the application; and it shall be imperative to have given such aid during the twelve months

last preceding the date of such application, to record the same in the minute book and to state the same in the application. Provided that where a Lodge in its return shows that it has, during said period, given local aid, though such local aid was not given to the applicant or applicants, the same shall nevertheless be considered as aid given in compliance with this rule.

2. It shall be competent for one or more Lodges to form themselves into a Local Board of Relief, and for such Board to frame a code of by-laws and elect a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer; and when the formation of such Board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes, the same shall be considered a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

3. All applications for relief must be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. They shall be sent to, and be in the possession of the Grand Secretary before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in each and every year. It is imperative that the fullest possible information be given in the several blanks in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for the renewal of a grant.

4. All applications for relief shall be made through a Lodge, and shall be signed by the Master and Secretary thereof, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, and in no case shall an application be made through

an individual brother. And it shall be imperative for every Lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge, record the same in its minute book, and attach to each application for relief a copy thereof, signed by the Master or presiding officer and the Secretary of the Lodge, and having the seal of the Lodge attached thereto. All applications for relief recommended by Lodges situated in any city or town in which there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, shall be transmitted to Grand Lodge through the Local Board of Relief.

5. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of Grand Lodge interim grants for purposes of temporary relief may be made by the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence with the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes.

6. Grants shall be payable in two equal half-yearly payments by cheques issued by the Grand Secretary, and signed by him and the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the President of the Board of General Purposes, in favor of the grantee and the Master of the Lodge, or of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief, and such cheques shall require the endorsement of both the grantee and of the Master or Secretary-Treasurer (as the case may be) before being honored. In all cases in which grants are made payable through the Master of a Lodge, it shall be

his duty to report to the Lodge the receipt of such cheque or cheques, and the Secretary shall record the report in the minute-book of the Lodge. Whenever there is a Local Board of Relief, acknowledged as such by Grand Lodge, in any city or town, all grants made to parties recommended by any Lodge within the limit of such city or town, shall be made payable through the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief. In special cases this rule may be varied by the chairman of the committee with the consent of the President of the Board.

7. All Lodges through whose Master, and all Local Boards of Relief through whose Secretary-Treasurer, cheques have been made payable shall, on or before the first day of June immediately preceding the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, forward to the Grand Secretary a return upon a printed form, which form shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary. In such return there shall be shown in detail the whole amount of the grant or grants received during the current fiscal year, as also the whole amount in detail of the grant or grants paid over to the grantee or grantees during that period; together with such other information as may be required by the form of return. The return shall be signed by the Master and Secretary of such Lodge, and have its seal affixed thereto, or by the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Board of Relief.

8. No cheque for any subsequent grant shall be issued until the return for preceding grants shall have been re-

ceived and found to be correct by the Committee on Benevolence or Board of General Purposes.

9. If any Lodge or Local Board of Relief neglect to make the return within one year from the date when such subsequent grant was made, the grant shall be considered forfeited.

10. All forms of application and returns are from time to time to be prepared by the Board of General Purposes. The Board shall also from time to time decide upon the maximum amount of grants to be made in the various classes of cases.

11. No grant may be made to an unaffiliated brother, nor to relatives of a deceased brother who at the time of his death was an unaffiliated Mason, except in cases when it is shown that the brother was not at fault, or indifferent to his duty.

12. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master, on the occasion of his official visit to the Lodges in his district, to ascertain whether any cases of distress exist which should be recommended to Grand Lodge for relief, and if so, to direct the attention of the officers of the Lodge to these rules. It shall also be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to direct the attention of the Lodges in his district through whose Masters cheques have previously been made payable, to the necessity of making proper return for such grants; and in all cases, of which he is advised, where such Lodges at any time have failed to make such return, he

shall make due enquiry into the cause thereof, use his best endeavors to have the return forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and to report upon such enquiry to Grand Lodge.

13. Lodges or Local Boards of Relief which fail to comply with the foregoing rules have no claim for the consideration of applications for relief.

14. The Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence shall prepare and lay before the Board of General Purposes, at its first meeting, held immediately before each annual meeting of Grand Lodge, and for the purpose of being printed for the information of Grand Lodge, a report in such a form as may from time to time be devised by the Board of General Purposes, respecting the returns made by Local Boards of Relief and by Lodges, and the applications for relief recommended by the same.

PRAYERS.

Invocation—First Degree.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy Divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this, our Masonic art, he may be better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name.—So mote it be.

Invocation—Second Degree.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.—So mote it be.

Invocation—Third Degree.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy holy name the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially, we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endow him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars, for ever and ever.—So mote it be.

THE CHARGES.**Charge to the Newly Initiated Candidate.**

① As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having existed from time immemorial, and

honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed, no institution can boast of a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—the practice of social and moral virtue; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and have joined our assemblies. ②As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duty you owe to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his creator, by imploring His aid in all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to him in every emergency for comfort and support. To your neighbor, by acting with him on the square; by rendering to him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his distresses; by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him as in similar cases you would wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies, thereby enabling you to exert those

talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

③ As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing or at all countenancing any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of the state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurture.

④ As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you; temperance chasten you; fortitude support you; and justice be the guide of all your actions; and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, benevolence and charity.

⑤ Still, however, as a Mason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed. Among the foremost of these are secrecy, fidelity and obedience.

⑥ Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted

to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which may inadvertently lead you to do so.

⑥ Your fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the Fraternity; by never attempting to extort or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend anyone to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

⑦ So must your obedience be proved by a close conformity to our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor while in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren; and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens while acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

⑧ And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to become at once respectable in your rank of life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have this day been admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station to consider yourself called on to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

⑨ From the very commendable attention which you

appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will appreciate the excellency of Freemasonry and print indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of truth, of honor, and of virtue.

Charge to the Newly Passed Candidate.

Brother,—Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience may have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe that, as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as the basis of our art. Geometry, or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine and moral nature, enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinion on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and like a skilful Craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the wants and relieve the necessities of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

Charge to the Newly Raised Candidate.

Brother.—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your behaviour afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the Order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usage.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

FORMS

1.—Form of Entry in a Minute Book of a Private Lodge.

MASONIC HALL,——

Minutes of the Regular meeting of——Lodge, No.—, held on
——the——day of——A. D.——.

PRESENT.

W. Bro.——	W. M.	Bro.——	J. D.
"——	P. M.	"——	D. of Cer.
Bro.——	S. W.	"——	Organist.
"——	J. W.	"——	Steward.
"——	Chaplain.	"——	Steward.
"——	Treasurer.	"——	I. G.
"——	Secretary.	"——	Tyler.
"——	S. D.		

The names of all members present.

The names of visiting brethren, with the names of the Lodges to which they do or have belonged.

OPENING LODGE.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at——, (giving the hour).

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting (and subsequent emergencies, if any) were read and confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS

The committee on the petition of Mr.——, a Candidate for Initiation, reported favorably (or unfavorably, as the case may be).

REPORTS—GENERAL.

The committee appointed to take into consideration (here state the subject), submitted their report, which was, on motion of Bro.——, seconded by Bro.——, received and adopted.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Bro.——, seconded by Bro.——

The sum of——, in full of——account for——(or in part payment as the case may be), was ordered to be paid.

PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES.

It was moved by Bro.—, seconded by Bro.—, and adopted (or rejected, as the case may be):

That the petition of Mr.— be received and placed on the minutes, to be balloted for at the next regular meeting for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

(The same form is to be used for joining members, substituting the word "application" for "petition"; "Bro." for "Mr." and "to become a member" in the place of "for initiation," etc.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bro.—, —, and —, a Committee to make the necessary enquiries on the application of — for —, to report thereon at the next Regular Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES.

The same form, only insert the specified business.

BALLOT.

The W. M. ordered the ballot to be passed for Mr.—, a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which was taken, and on examination, declared in favor of (or against) the Candidate, as may be.

(The same form will apply to joining members, using the term "Bro." for "Mr." and the words "became a member" for initiation, etc.)

BOARD OF TRIAL.

The W. M. appointed Bros.—, —, ■ Board of Trial to put the necessary questions to Mr.— a candidate for initiation. If more than one, state their several names, and say "Candidates."

INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

The Board of Trial, having reported to the W. M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions satisfactorily, and the Candidate having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) initiated into the First Degree of Freemasonry.

PASSING.

Bro.— (or Bros.) a Candidate (or Candidates) for advance-

ment was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree at——(state the hour).

(No objection being made) Bro.—— (or Bros.) having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the Second or Fellow Craft's Degree.

Bro.—— (or Bros.) a Candidate (or Candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree at——(state the hour).

(No objection being made) Bro.—— (or Bros.) having been found well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the Third or Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

CALLING FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at—— o'clock.

CALLED FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

The Lodge resumed labor at——o'clock.

CLOSING THE LODGE.

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the First Degree at—— o'clock (state the time).

If opened in the Third Degree say "severally in the Third, Second and First"; if opened in the Second Degree, say "severally in the Second and First."

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date), A. L.

(Master's Signature)
——, W. M.

Secretary's Signature)
——Sec'y.

REGULATIONS.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Each Lodge must keep a book, or books, outside the Lodge-room for members and visitors to enter their names as they arrive, which it is the duty of the Tyler to see done before he gives notice of their being present.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only; and

after having read the minutes of the previous regular meeting, those of any subsequent emergency are to be read for information.

Secretaries of Lodges should also keep a rough minute book (and never on any account use slips of paper) to enter the proceedings of the Lodge as they occur, and afterwards fairly copy them in the regular minute book, to which he must attach his signature ; and when they have been read and confirmed in open Lodge, the W. M. likewise signs them in the left hand corner.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from committees to move their reception, or their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move their reception and afterwards their adoption.

The Constitution declares twenty dollars (20) the lowest fee that can be charged for the Degrees of Freemasonry, which is to be paid previously to the Candidate's initiation. The sum also includes the fee for registering the Candidate's name in the Books of the Grand Lodge, and a Grand Lodge certificate.

The W. M. is responsible for the fees collected on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and it is his particular duty to see that the same are regularly forwarded with the returns.

In all cases, and under all circumstances, the Lodge must be opened in the First Degree, and in this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted. If a Candidate makes application for the Second Degree he must undergo an examination in open Lodge in the First Degree; he is then directed to retire. The Lodge is then opened in the Second Degree; and if it appears that the Candidate has made suitable proficiency he may be passed. The same may be said with reference to a Candidate for the Third Degree. If the candidate is found worthy he may be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and the Lodges are then closed down, commencing with the Third, next the Second, and lastly, the First.

Newly initiated candidates are required to sign the By-laws on the night of initiation, as an evidence of their membership and willingness of obedience to same.

2.—Certificate of Standing (when a brother has paid all dues).

These presents are to certify that Bro.—— who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has resigned and withdrawn from membership of this Lodge, being——Lodge, numbered—— in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the

Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open Lodge on the _____ day of _____, A. L. 59—.

And further that he has paid all dues and retires in good standing.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this _____ day of _____ A. L. 59—, A. D. 19—, at _____, in the Province of Ontario.

(L. S.) _____

Worshipful Master.

Secretary.

3.—Certificate of Standing (when a brother is owing dues).

These presents are to certify that Brø. _____, who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has resigned and withdrawn from the membership of this Lodge, being _____ Lodge, numbered _____ in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; and that his resignation has been accepted in open Lodge on the _____ day of _____, A. L. 59—.

And further that his dues to this Lodge are _____ dollars.

Given under the seal of the Lodge this _____ day of _____, A. L. 59—, A. D. 19—, at _____ in the Province of Ontario.

(L.S.) _____

W. M.

Sec'y.

4.—Bequest to Grand Lodge.

I give and bequeath to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the sum of _____, to be handed over by them to the said Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Benevolent Fund thereof, to be used for any purpose for which such Benevolent Fund is or may hereafter be used, in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the said Grand Lodge.

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